Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1809.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Newburyport, on Tuesday, the 12th day of September, 5809.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. OLIVER PRESCOTT,	Grand King.
" THOMAS CAREY,	Grand Scribe.
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN B. HAMMATT,	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
" HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Marshal.
JAMES LOCKE,	Grand Steward.
JEREMIAH FOLSOM,	Grand Tyler.

Comps. JONA. GAGE, GILMAN WHITE, STEPHEN HOWARD and AMOS TAPPAN, Past Grand Officers.

Chapters.	*Representatives.*
St. Andrew's,	HENRY FOWLE.
" "	JNO. B. HAMMATT.
" "	ANDREW SIGOURNEY.
King Cyrus,	ANGIER MARCH.
St. John's,	JAMES BRAZER.
Mt. Vernon,	Not represented.
King Solomon's,	SUMNER BASTOW.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

The Committee on the By-Laws, &c., made report of a revisal, which was accepted with the omission of the 2d Article.

Voted, That Comp. E. Horsman, Sec'y, be a Committee to procure five hundred copies of the general and particular Regulations of this Grand Chapter, as now adopted, to be printed; and that five copies be sent to each Grand Chapter in the United States; and copies to the amount of double the number of members, agreeable to the last return, to each Chapter under this jurisdiction, and one copy to each officer and member of this Grand Chapter.

Comps. Gilman White, A. March and S. Howard, were appointed a Committee to examine the Secretary and Treasurer's accounts and to report what compensation shall be allowed said officers for their services the year past.

Returns were received and read from the several Chapters under the jurisdiction, Mt. Vernon Chapter excepted.

The Committee on accounts reported that the Treasurer's accounts were correct and well vouched. Balance due the Treasurer $103.91. The Secretary's account was not exhibited; they recommend that he be allowed fifteen dollars for his services the year past, which report was accepted.

Adjourned for dinner, and on returning, the following officers were duly elected for the year ensuing, viz.:

M.E. Oliver Prescott, . .	Grand High Priest.
E. William Woart, . .	Grand King.
" Thomas Jackson, . .	Grand Scribe.
" Andrew Sigourney, .	Grand Treasurer.
" Edw'd Horsman, . .	Grand Secretary.

The fore-named officers were proclaimed duly elected by the Grand Marshal.

The M.E. Deputy Grand High Priest installed the Grand High Priest elect, who installed the Grand King elect and Comp. J. Brazer as proxy to the Grand Scribe elect.

The following appointments were made from the chair and proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, viz.:

M.E. Henry Fowle, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Henry Purkett, . .	Grand Marshal.
Comps. Rev. Asa Eaton and Jas. Thompson, . .	Grand Chaplains.
Comp. Jacob Perkins, . .	Grand Steward.
" James Locke, . .	" "
" Seth Johnson, . .	" "
" Josiah Calef, . .	" "
Ebenezer Oliver, .	Grand Inside Sentinel.
Wm. Eaton, . .	Grand Tyler.
Jeremiah Folsom, .	" "

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented the ex-officers for their services the year past.

A true copy from the minutes.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,

Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

At a Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, the 12th of December, 5809.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest
E. THOMAS JACKSON,	Grand King.
" JOHN ABBOT,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand Treasurer.
EDW'D HORSMAN,	Grand Secretary.
HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Marshal.
SETH JOHNSON,	Grand Senior Steward.
JOSIAH CALEF,	Grand Junior Steward.
EBENEZER OLIVER,	Grand Inside Sentinel.
WILLIAM EATON,	Grand Tyler.

Chapters.	*Representdtives.*
St. Andrew's,	JOHN B. HAMMATT.
" "	DANIEL BAXTER.
King Cyrus,	JOSHUA GREENLEAF.
St. John's,	JOHN ABBOT.
" "	DAVID CHILD.
Mt. Vernon,	JNO. D. HOPKINS.
King Solomon's,	Not represented.

Comps. Joseph Jenkins, Samuel Smith and Wm. Tompkins were admitted visitors by a vote of the Grand Chapter.

Voted, That Comps. M.E. Henry Fowle, E. Thos. Jackson and E. Andrew Sigourney, be a Committee to draft a form for returns to be made to this Grand Chapter, and when drafted, to give the same to the Grand Secretary, to have the same printed, to be furnished to each Chapter under this jurisdiction and that said Chapters be enjoined to make duplicate returns at every annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, one to be kept by the Grand Treasurer and the other by the Grand Secretary.

Voted, That the Grand Chapter remit to all Chapters under its jurisdiction the fees that may be due to the said Grand Chapter on account of exalting any clergyman, in

every case where the said Chapters do not receive fees for such exaltations, anything in the regulations of the Grand Chapter to the contrary notwithstanding.

Attest,

EDWD. HORSMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

At a Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 12th, 5810.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. THOMAS JACKSON,	Grand King.
" JOHN B. HAMMATT,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand Treasurer.
EDW'D HORSMAN,	Grand Secretary.
HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Marshal.
SETH JOHNSON,	Grand Senior Steward.
JOSIAH CALEF,	Grand Junior Steward.
EBEN'R OLIVER,	Grand Inside Sentinel.
WILLIAM EATON,	Grand Tyler.

Chapters.	*Representatives.*
St. Andrew's,	JOHN B. HAMMATT.
" "	DANIEL BAXTER.
King Cyrus,	Not represented.
St. John's,	Not represented.
Mount Vernon,	ROB'T LASH, Jr., proxy.
King Solomon's,	Not represented.

Comps. —— Coffin and John Edson, were admitted visitors by a vote of the Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the price of Diplomas be reduced from two dollars to the rate of one dollar each.

Voted, That a public dinner be provided for the Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter in Sept. next.

Voted, That tickets be provided for the officers and permanent members of the Grand Chapter, to be paid from the Grand Treasury.

Voted, That Comps. M.E. Henry Fowle, E. Thos. Jackson and E. Daniel Baxter, be a Committee to carry the two preceding votes into effect.

Voted, That after the next annual meeting, every Chapter under this jurisdiction shall pay in addition to the fees now paid, one dollar for each and every candidate by them exalted and for which they shall receive from this Grand Chapter a regular Diploma for each of said candidates.

Moved and seconded, That when an application shall be made to this Chapter for a Charter for holding and opening a new Chapter, and it shall need the approbation of this Chapter, that the Grand High Priest shall grant his dispensation for the same, to be in force not exceeding twelve months and during that time the said Chapter shall be examined in its ability of holding said Chapter by a Committee to be appointed by the Grand High Priest, said Committee to report to the Grand High Priest, and if said report meet his approbation, he shall appoint a time for the installation of said Chapter and direct the Secretary to make out a Charter to bear even date with the dispensation. The fees for the Charter to be paid upon receiving

the dispensation, and all expenses of the Grand Chapter for the installation of Chapters to be paid by the Chapter to be installed. Further consideration of this motion referred to Annual Communication.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,
Grand Secretary.